

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEDICARE PREVENTIVE BENEFITS AND QUALITY STANDARDS

*Committee on Commerce:* On April 11, the Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare Preventive Benefits and Quality Standards. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representative Nethercutt; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### IRS MISMANAGEMENT—IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on IRS Mismanagement and Ideas for Improvement. Testimony was heard from Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration, General Government Division, GAO; Michael Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey Trinca, Chief of Staff, National Commission on Restructuring the IRS; and public witnesses.

### TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted by voice vote a modified closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation in the House. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, modified by the amendment specified in the report of the Committee on Rules, will be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except as specified.

The rule provides for three hours of debate. The rule further provides for an amendment if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, which will be considered as read, and which will be debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Canady, Barton of Texas, Shadegg, Scott and Watt of North Carolina.

## SUSPENSIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, April 16, 1997. The resolution provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997 SENATE

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings to examine alleged Internal Revenue Service employees' misuse of taxpayers files, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, focusing on the costs that will be incurred relating to the Bonneville Power Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on S. 450, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the trends in the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and S. 451, the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, focusing on environmental and military construction issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to review the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine issues affecting immigrant entrepreneurs, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to examine innovations in adult training, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration,* to resume hearings concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.